GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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U.S. STRATEGY AGAINST TERRORISM
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government`s attention has been drawn to the speech made by U.S. President George W. Bush in his `State of Union Address` outlining the American Strategy to fight terrorism and the future course to be pursued in this regard; and

(b) if so, the Government`s reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In his `State of the Union Address` to the U.S. Congress on 29.01.2002, the U.S. President outlined a number of domestic and international policies of his Government, including the U.S. Government`s commitment to combat international terrorism.In this context, the U.S. President raised concerns about the links between terrorism and weapons of mass destruction and reiterated his objective of preventing regimes that sponsor terror for threatening America and its friends and allies from weapons of mass destruction. Government has noted that the U.S. President did not state that the United States intends to militarily target any of the named countries.